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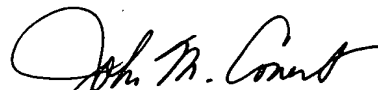
Claims 1-58 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 2, 50, 52, 54, and 57 being the independent claims. The dependencies of claims 23, 51, 53, 55, and 58 have been amended to reduce multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced into the captioned application.

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 be entered by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims:

Claims 23, 51, 53, 55, and 58 have been amended as follows:

23. (Once amended) The compound of claim 17, wherein R_8 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, OR_9 , amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, dialkylaminoalkenyl, dialkylaminoalkylamino, and heterocycloalkylamino, all of which can be optionally substituted, provided that R_8 is not OR_9 when R_1 is SO_2R_8 , and wherein R_9 is as defined in claim 2].

51. (Once amended) The composition of claim 50, wherein the compound is as claimed in any one of claims [1-49] 1 or 2.

53. (Once amended) The method of claim 52, wherein the compound administered is as claimed in any one of claims [1-49] 1 or 2.

55. (Once amended) The method of claim 54, wherein the compound administered is as claimed in any one of claims [1-49] 1 or 2.

58. (Once amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the compound administered is as claimed in any one of claims [1-49] 1 or 2.